



National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate with best interest for holiday related items. Floor stocks are moderate to long. Market activity is in a full range, but mostly moderate. Transportation issues are being reported due to truck shortages prior to the holiday. In the parts structure, movement is moderate. Prices for wings and tenders are firm to higher, and steady on all other items. Supplies of wings are tight and sought, tenders are light to available, and the remaining breast items and dark meat cuts are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.



Georgia F.O.B. Dock The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 90.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 85.25 cents last year on Dec. 22, 2010.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Dock Price (Cents per Pound). Rows include Line Run Tenders, Breasts - B/S, Breasts - Whole, Thigh Meat - B/S, Thighs, Drumsticks, Leg Quarters, Wings.

Information supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag's Poultry Market News Service.

Northeast Region Prices are trending steady to firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is moderate for mid-week trading as dealers prepare for the upcoming Christmas holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for current needs. Trade activity is moderate to instances active. In the parts complex, offerings of wings and tenders are light and clearing well with premiums noted. Legs and leg quarters are light to moderate. Other items are generally sufficient.

Midwest Region Whole bird prices were trending steady to fully steady. Offers were light to moderate with generally light buyer interest. Demand into retail and food service outlets was light to moderate with fast food demand normal. Floor stocks were moderate to instances long. Weights were mixed. Whole bird market activity was light to moderate. Parts supplies were light to moderate with wings in the tightest position. Prices trended firm on wings while dark meat items and breast cuts were steady to fully steady. Parts market activity was light to moderate and wings continued to be most sought after.

Western Region The Los Angeles delivered quote is 99 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole fryers is steady and WOGs steady to instances firm with some finding higher trending offering prices for next week's shipments. Offerings light. More industry members are finding trucking issues in response to the upcoming holiday weekend resulting in reluctance to commit to additional product. Retail and foodservice demand light to moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on wings and tenderloins is steady to firm with wings strongest, balance of items mostly steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of wings and tenderloins very light to light, balance of items light to moderate. Movement light to moderate.

Southern Region Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to firm. Supplies are moderate. Demand is mostly moderate approaching the Christmas holiday. Market activity is moderate to at times active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week business. Prices are higher for wings, firm to higher for tenders and steady for all other parts with leg meat moving well. Supplies of wings are light, tenders are in good supply and moving well, breast items and dark meat items are moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 17, 2011. This was down 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Down 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 17, 2011. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through December 17, 2011 were 8.26 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Broiler Chicks Placed 19 Selected State Total

Table with 4 columns: Week Ending 12/17/11, 2011, 2010, Percent Change Previous Year. Rows include Eggs Set, Chicks Placed. Includes selected states and source information.

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 28-Jan-12 is estimated at 150.1 million head. This compares to 150.2 million head the previous week and to 158.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 77.00 cents per pound.

DEC 20

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DEC 21

F.O.B. Dock or equivalent, iced-packed, prices shown are day of shipment (includes current and prior negotiations), trucklot and less than trucklot volume, cents per pound.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	574	47.00-50.00	-	47.95	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	735	47.00-50.00	-	48.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	842	49.00-52.00	-	51.19	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	762	50.00-52.00	-	51.27
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
54.50 - 57.00	55.60	47.00 - 50.00	48.27	54.33

The index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Prices continue to trend firm to higher for wings and tenders and steady to at least steady for the balance of items with legs and leg quarters noted in better balance. Trucklot buying activity is moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of wings and tenderloins are light and commanding premiums; legs are light to moderate and other items are mostly moderate for current needs. Movement is to moderate to instances active.

Ice packed broiler/fryer parts, delivered to first receivers in pool trucklot and trucklot quantities, cents per pound.

DEC 20 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	DEC 21 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	125.23	799,000	BREAST - B/S	140-145	127.74	576,560
TENDERLOINS	150-155	146.72	222,280	TENDERLOINS	150-155	147.46	104,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	90.47	76,816	BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	86.51	84,584
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	77.04	149,897	BREAST - LINE RUN	79	81.63	68,400
LEGS	68-69	70.12	129,800	LEGS	69-70	69.42	137,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	52.96	338,840	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	53.81	100,840
DRUMSTICKS	56-57	65.89	123,853	DRUMSTICKS	56-57	71.67	56,400
THIGHS	70-71	76.79	71,200	THIGHS	70-71	81.18	61,960
B/S THIGHS	124-125	120.70	106,680	B/S THIGHS	124-125	125.40	73,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	148-149	152.49	234,200	WINGS (WHOLE)	150-151	157.03	199,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,560	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	7,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.08	17,880	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.74	14,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.00	28,600	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.05	26,600

Includes New York City Metropolitan Area, Northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (Northeast of Harrisburg).

\* Today's negotiated sales as of 11:30 a.m.

\*\* Weighted average price of all grades and brands of product shipped, or to be shipped as of 1:30 p.m.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS
	12/21	12/20	12/19	12/16	12/19	12/16	12/14	12/12	
Alabama	3,529	3,502	3,483	3,626	5.53	5.51	3,536	5.65	
Arkansas	3,922	4,695	4,738	3,801	5.59	5.26	4,690	5.63	
Delmarva	1,681	2,058	2,114	1,670	6.26	6.18	1,845	6.35	
KY-LA-TN	2,182	2,356	2,453	2,278	5.32	5.09	2,008	5.29	
Mississippi	2,578	2,643	2,870	2,257	6.15	5.99	2,855	5.95	
North Carolina	2,532	2,624	2,232	1,955	7.35	7.40	1,781	7.18	
Texas	1,948	2,421	2,428	2,422	5.89	5.76	1,922	5.51	
Total	18,372	20,299	20,318	18,009	5.93	5.77	18,637	5.73	
Mon-Wed	59,249	(A)					59,203	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Dec-11 is estimated to be 27,487,000 head down 1.72 percent from a week ago and down 16.75 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 27,967,000, last year 33,019,000)

**PROCESSED POULTRY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

Delivered to Retailers		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		109-122
ROASTERS 4# & UP		129-139
DUCKS		
RABBITS-WHOLE		
RABBITS-CUT UP		
SAN FRANCISCO Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	113-185
	ICE PACK	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	124
	ICE PACK	
DUCKS		217-285

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 24-Dec-11

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	12/24/11 (1)	12/17/11	12/24/11 (1)	12/17/11
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	141,721 (2)	149,793	141,721 (2)	149,793
Light hens	959	1,505	959	1,505
Heavy hens	1,687	1,451	1,687	1,451
Total	144,367	152,749	144,367	152,749

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Dec-11 is 141.3 million head compared to 136.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 142.0 million head or 0.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 31-Dec-11 the estimated available is 143.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS** - Selected Centers  
(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

		PROCESSED TURKEYS		PROCESSED POULTRY	
		LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	12/19/11	43,091	51,703		
AM	12/01/11	46,535	52,639		
CHG		-3,444	-936		
PCT CHG		-7%	-2%		

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/19/11	12/12/11	12/20/10	12/19/11	12/12/11	12/20/10
<b>PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES</b>	310	354	543	1,653	1,809	3,932
	219	224	134	504	549	1,436

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 12/20/11		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.60	.49	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	1.00
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	2.05	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	12.50
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	13.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	4.00 2.49
ROOSTERS lb.	.50	1.50	1.15	ROOSTERS ea.	5.00	12.00 7.45
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.50	4.10	2.43	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	3.00 2.15
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	10.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATEALS ea.	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-
QUAIL ea.	-	-	-	FERRETS ea.	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	-
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	72					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending Dec 16, 2011

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	76.24	130.88	75.26	22.90	6.54	65.44
High	78.53	143.97	85.07	29.45	9.82	65.44
Mostly	78.53	140.70	81.80	26.18	8.18	65.44
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	75.26	130.88	71.98	19.63	6.54	65.44
High	78.53	140.70	81.80	26.18	9.82	65.44
Mostly	78.53	137.43	78.53	22.90	8.18	65.44
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	77.22	130.88	78.53	22.90	9.82	68.71
High	79.18	147.24	88.35	29.45	13.09	68.71
Mostly	78.53	143.97	85.07	26.18	9.82	68.71
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	77.87	130.88	81.80	26.18	9.82	68.71
High	80.16	150.51	91.62	32.72	13.09	68.71
Mostly	78.53	147.24	88.35	31.08	9.82	68.71

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**

Ready-to-Cook

Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to first Receivers

(cents/lb. delivered to first receivers; US Grade A and plant Grade)

	Price Range
Ice Packed (12/box):	80.0 - 86.0
Vacuum Packed (6-9/box):	85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

**DELMARVA** Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 79 to 85 cents with a steady to firm trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate approaching the holiday. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are light. Market activity is moderate to at times active. In the parts complex, supplies of wings and tenders are light and moving well. The balance of items are sufficient.

\*Broiler/Fryer current negotiated prices for immediate delivery includes mostly multiple-drop shipments of branded and wing tagged to New York City from Delmarva.

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	65-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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